

SC Arts Commission  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Tuesday, October 8, 2002  
1800 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

Members present	Patrick VanHuss, Connie Williams, Noble Cooper, Linda Stern, Carrie Brown, David Stinson, Carolyn Govan, Virginia Self
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Rusty Sox, Susan Harper, Marion Draine, Larry Hembree, Felicia Smith, Laurel Posey, Craig Stinson, Jeanette Guinn.
Call to order	Chairman VanHuss called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.
Welcome	Mr. VanHuss welcomed Linda Stern to the board.
Approval of minutes	Mr. Stinson moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Dr. Cooper seconded, and the motion was approved.
Chairman's report	Mr. VanHuss reported on his travels around the state with several of the regional coordinators. He declared 2003 the "Year of the Constituent" and encouraged board members to get outside their home regions to experience the arts in another part of the state. Several members requested a list or a map showing where Mr. VanHuss had visited.  Ms. Harpootlian arrived at 10:05 a.m.
Commissioners' Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioners shared comments on the August Participation Symposium.</li><li>• Ms. Harpootlian reported on recent meetings and grant decisions of the Cultural Visions Council.</li><li>• Ms. Williams reported on the Performing Arts Showcase.</li><li>• Ms. Govan reported on the AIE Booking Conference and suggested an earlier orientation session for new artists.</li><li>• Ms. Self reported on the meeting of the Design Arts Partnership, which she hosted.</li><li>• Chairman VanHuss reported on the unveiling of the White House Christmas ornaments.</li></ul>
Executive Director's Report	Ms. Surkamer updated the board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agency planning – staff have turned in annual work plans and professional development plans.</li></ul>

- An audit of the agency's financial and purchasing departments will take place over the next few months.
- The S.C. Arts Foundation voted to earmark \$46,000 for SCAC use in the current year for the following programs:
 

Artist Fellowships	\$20,000
New work for State Art Collection	\$10,000
E.O. Verner Ceremony/Reception	\$13,000
Miscellaneous SCAC needs	\$ 3,000
- The agency will apply for a grant from VSA arts to improve access to the arts by people with disabilities.
- Several staff members, Connie Williams and Pat VanHuss will attend the NASAA conference in Detroit. SC will host the national meeting in December 2003.
- Ms. Surkamer has been nominated to the NASAA board of directors.
- The SCAC building will undergo some significant renovations over the next few months.
- SC Arts Advocacy Day has been moved to Tuesday, February 4, 2003.
- There is a strong possibility of a mid-year cut to agency budgets.

The Department of Education has cut its arts budget and several items will not be funded, including ABC research. Ms. Surkamer advised the board of the importance of continuing the longitudinal research on ABC sites. Board discussion followed. Ms. Surkamer will continue to pursue Department of Education funding for the research while the research continues.

Ms. Surkamer explained that the budget for the Community Tour program had been expended, and suggested restoring \$5,000 of the \$10,000 that the board cut from that program at the last board meeting.

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| Motion                                    | Ms. Self moved to restore \$5,000 to the Community Tour budget. Ms. Govan seconded and the motion was approved. |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Reports | Ms. Surkamer presented the financial report for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of FY02.                            |
| Motion                                    | Dr. Cooper moved to approve the report. Ms. Govan seconded, and the motion was approved.                        |

Staff presentations	The following staff made presentations to the board about their programs and/or regions:	
	Clay Burnette	Grants & Fellowships
	Craig Stinson	Folklife & Traditional Arts
	Jeanette Guinn	Electronic Communications
	Felicia Smith	Regional work, ADA, Cultural Tourism
	Josie Bright-Stone	Arts in Education and regional work
	Susan Harper	Participation Project
Consensus approval	Ms. Harper outlined the application and review process for selecting organizations to be directly involved in the Participation Project. The board approved the process by consensus.	
Staff presentations (continued)	Harriett Green	Visual Arts
	Laurel Posey	Regional Work, <i>Untitled</i>
	Susan Leonard	Media Arts
	Ms. Surkamer and Ms. Leonard outlined a need for providing support to the Marlboro County Media Literacy project. This is the last year of its federal funding. Under existing guidelines, an application from the Marlboro County Media Literacy Project would not be allowed because the Marlboro County School District is currently receiving arts education funding. The board would need to make an exception to the guidelines to allow the application.	
Motion	Ms. Stern moved to allow the Marlboro County Media Literacy project to apply for funding. Ms. Govan seconded, and the motion was approved.	
Staff presentations (continued)	Rusty Sox	Regional Work
	Sara June Goldstein	Literary Arts and Regional Work
	Larry Hembree	Performing Arts and Regional Work
Motion	There being no further business, Ms. Brown moved to adjourn. Ms. Stern seconded, and the motion was approved.	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.	